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SUBJECT—

Bid Number V05-080—Traffic Signal Equipment for E 14th /SE 14th Signal Visibility Project

SYNOPSIS—

Approval of the purchase of various traffic signal equipment from the lowest compliant bidder, General Traffic Controls, Inc., Louis Glover, President, P.O. Box 1000, Spencer, Iowa 51041, at a total cost of \$60,427.50.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Total cost for the purchase of this traffic signal equipment is \$60,427.50. Iowa Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Funds will pay for \$38,630.10 (Division 1). The remaining amount, \$21,797.40 (Division 2) is funded by the City, and is available in LED Bulb Changeout – Traffic Signals Project, Account 544150, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project TFC095,

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On April 19, 2004 by Roll Call No. 04-778, City Council entered into Agreement No. 2005-TS-003 with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IaDOT) to authorize State Traffic Safety Funds for the purchase of traffic signal equipment for the East 14th / Southeast 14th Street corridor. The project generally consists of replacing the existing traffic signal heads at 14 intersections along

this corridor with new signal indications which will provide better visibility, including LED indications and back plates. The IaDOT is providing the funding for purchase of the traffic signal equipment. The City is responsible for the cost of purchasing the LED modules, and all of the installation costs. City Traffic and Transportation Division staff will install these new traffic signals as their workload permits.

The City of Des Moines Purchasing Division received bids on March 15, 2005, issued by Bid Number V05-080, for the purchase of the traffic signal equipment for this project. In order to provide uniformity and compatibility between the various traffic signal equipment parts, these bids were required to be awarded by division instead of by the normal line-item amount bid. Two fully-completed bids were received and evaluated by Traffic and Transportation staff. It is recommended that the lowest bidder, General Traffic Controls, Inc., be awarded the contract for this purchase. The IaDOT has concurred in this award by letter dated April 19, 2005.